

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-7 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 3 are amended in this response. Claims 8-10 have been withdrawn, in light of the election of Group I identified in the restriction contained in the Office Action. Claim 2 has been canceled, without prejudice.

Claims 2-4 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Desnoyers et al.* (US Patent 6,791,948).

Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Desnoyers et al.* (US Patent 6,791,948) in view of *Elliott* (US Patent 6,456,599).

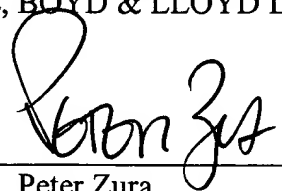
Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Desnoyers et al.* (US Patent 6,791,948). Applicants traverse these rejections. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 2, which has been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. As such, Applicants submit that claims 1 and 3-7 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If any fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the office is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No.: 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the Attorney Docket Number (0112740-289) on the account statement.

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